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SUBJECT: GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE: SABINE GRUETZNER AND LEONARD LEE LOTT

REF: A) STATE 293826; PARA 1.A; (B) BERLIN 6787; C) BERLIN 6422;
D) BERLIN 6193

1. ON DECEMBER 16, LEONARD LEE AND SABINE LOTT CALLED AT THE EMBASSY WITH MRS. LOTT BEARING A GDR PASSPORT WITH AN EXIT PERMIT FOR HERSELF AND SON, MICHAEL HANS. THE EXIT VISA IS VALID THROUGH JANUARY 31 AND IS FOR A SINGLE ENTRY THROUGH SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT.

2. ALTHOUGH THE LOTTS HAVE GIVEN THEIR DESTINATION AS WEST BERLIN (BECAUSE LEONARD LEE INTENDS TO STUDY AT THE FREE UNIVERSITY FOR TWO YEARS), THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO WEST BERLIN BUT MUST FLY OUT TO COPENHAGEN AND THEN RETURN TO WEST BERLIN VIA HAMBURG. THE ACTUAL DATE OF THEIR TRAVEL IS NOT CLEAR, BECAUSE THEY MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPPING OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS TO WEST BERLIN. (THIS IS THE FIRST CASE IN WHICH WE HAVE HEARD OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS BEING RELEASED.)

3. LOTT INDICATES THAT IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHEN HE AND HIS FAMILY WILL ACTUALLY VISIT THE UNITED STATES SO THAT HIS PARENTS MAY MEET HIS WIFE AND SON. THEY HAVE THE PRESENT INTENTION TO

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ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN WEST BERLIN.

4. LOTT REQUESTS THAT HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. GRANT LOTT,
8044 OAKWOOD STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32208-TELEPHONE AREA
CODE UNKNOWN- 765-6933, BE ADVISED OF FAVORABLE RESOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHY MRS. LOTT AND THE SON ARE BEING
RELEASED AT THIS TIME. WE WOULD VENTURE A GUESS, HOWEVER, THAT
THE DEPARTMENT'S RAISING THIS CASE SPECIFICALLY WITH DR. GEYER
ON DECEMBER 11 MAY HAVE BEEN THE FINAL PUSH NEEDED TO GET THIS
LONG-STANDING CASE RESOLVED.THE EMBASSY IS APPRECIATIVE OF
THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT.

6. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: SENATORS HENRY JACKSON, HUGH SCOTT,
AND JOHN SPARKMAN AND CONGRESSMAN CHARLES E. BENNETT.GROVE

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